consideration to dispose of some railway land for commercial use; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) About 2457 hectares.

(b) Removal of encroachments on Railway land is a continuous process. Regular inspections are done by the Railway officials to prevent fresh encroachments. New encroachments are removed as soon as they are noticed. Regarding old encroachments, action is taken to remove them under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 with the help of Civil Police.

To prevent encroachment on Railway land, construction of boundary wall and fencing in the vulnerable sections are undertaken. Planting of suitable trees/shrubs including quick growing thorny bushes is also done.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Conversion of Ajmer-Chittaurgarh-Udaipur Sector into Broad Gauge

1035. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1815 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th December, 1999 and state:

(a) what is the exact status of gauge conversion of different seven sectors in Rajasthan; and

(b) by when the Ajmer-Chittaurgarh-Udaipur sector would be converted into broad gauge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH):

(a) and (b) Position is as under:

Project	Status
1. Ajmer-Chittaurgarh-Udaipur	Work on earthwork and bridges has been taken up on Chittaurgarh-Udaipur section. Work on Ajmer-Chittaurgarh section will be taken up in the coming years. This work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.
2. Bhildi-Samdari-Jodhpur	Work on Luni-Jodhpur section has already been completed, while on Luni-Samdari it is in progress. Work on Bhildi-Samdari section is being taken up.
3. Luni-Barmer-Munabao	Work on earthwork and bridges is in good progress.
4. Pipar Road-Bilara	Owing to constraint of resources and the low operational priority of this line, work on this project will be taken up after some of the ongoing projects are completed and the resource position improves.
5. Agra Fort-Bandikui	Work on earthwork and bridges is in good progress.
6. Sri Ganganagar-Sarupsar	Work on this project will be taken up after obtaining the necessary clearances, for which necessary action has already been initiated.

Project	Status
7. Rewari-Sadulpur	Work on this project will be taken up after obtaining the necessary clearances, for which necessary action has already been initiated.

Pending Railway Projects

†1036. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Railway projects are lying pending since long;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of these projects; and

(c) by when these projects would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Statewise details of Railway Projects included in the Budget on which physical work has not yet started are given in the Statement (*See* below). Targets for Railway Projects are fixed on yearly basis depending upon overall availability of resources. Work will start after the requisite clearances for these projects are available. These projects will be progressed to completion as per availability of the resources in the coming years.

Statement

Sanctioned Project Not Yet Taken Up

State	Rly	Plan-Head	Project
Andhra Pradesh	South Central	New Line	Kakinada-Kotapalli Restoration
	South Central	New Line	Kakinada-Pithapuram
	South Central	Gauge Conversion	Dharmavaram-Pakala

†Original Notice of the question was received in Hindi.